(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Techno-economic feasibility studies were conducted in 1968 before establishing coal-based fertilizer plants at Ramagundam and Talcher. These studies indicated that the Ramagundam annd Talcher plants would give a return of 15.8 per cent and 16 per cent, respectively, on the total capital employed.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the coal-based fertilizer project at Korba was initially held in abeyance due to resource constraint. It was subsequently decided that further implementation of the project would be considered after the production at the other two coal-based plants at Ramagundam and Talcher had stabilised. At present, there is no proposal to restart work on this project.

Incomplete medium and major irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh

1244. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many medium and major irrigation projects are lying incomplete in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what was the time frame projected for their completion and what has been the causes of delay for the completion of these projects; and

(c) what are the financial resources required for the completion of all these projects and the manner in which Government intend to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 64 major and medium ongoing irrigation projects have spilled over to the VII plan.

(b) The time frames projected vary from project to project. The delay is mainly caused on account of inadequate investigations of projects at the formulation stage, proliferation of projects, scarcity of resources, difficulties in land acquisition and change in the scope of the projects.

(c) The financial resources required for the completion of these projects depend upon their period of completion. The State Governments have been advised to prioritise the projects for optimal allocation of the available resources and lay stress on the completion of ongoing projects. Further, the Union Government is earmarking the plan outlays for important projects and is also arranging external assistance wherever possible, to step up resources.

Revision of existing list for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

1245. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to revise the existing list of the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, what is the procedure being followed and who have been entrusted with the job of the aforesaid revision;

(c) whether any socio-economic survey either by Government or by any other agency has been undertaken to form the basis of such a revision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to undertake such a survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Revision of existing lists of Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes with reference to each of the States|Union Territories is to be done through an Act of Parliament as provided under Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution. Under the provisions of these two Articles, consultations are done with the State Governments|U. T. Administrations, who send